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In re application of

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For: A METHOD FOR GENERATING ATM CELLS FOR LOW BIT RATE APPLICATIONS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002, along with a Petition for Extension of Time and appropriate fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

14. (New) A method for generating ATM cells for low bit rate applications, said method comprising:

 multiplexing a plurality of low bit rate connections into a same ATM connection; and

 scheduling ATM cell transmission times in a way that as long as there is data available from at least one of said low bit rate connections, ATM cell transmission times are spaced according to a cell rate negotiated for the corresponding ATM connection.

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